



*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Reflections

The Christmas Story tells you that you have been freed forever from denying or minimizing the danger that lives inside you because Jesus came to rescue you, forgive you, transform you, and ultimately to deliver you. That baby in the manger carried with him to earth everything that sinners need. It's only when you admit the need that you will be able to fully celebrate the solution that is Jesus.

— Paul Tripp
Come, Let Us Adore Him: A Daily Devotional

In a very real sense, the Christian community lives in Advent all the time. It can well be called the Time Between, because the people of God live in the time between the first coming of Christ, incognito in the stable in Bethlehem, and his second coming, in glory, to judge the living and the dead. In the Time Between, “our lives are hidden with Christ in God; when Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory” (Col. 3:3-4). Advent contains within itself the crucial balance of the now and the not-yet that our faith requires...The disappointment, brokenness, suffering, and pain that characterize life in this present world is held in dynamic tension with the promise of future glory that is yet to come. In that Advent tension, the church lives its life...The Advent season encourages us to resist denial and face our situation as it really is.

— Fleming Rutledge
Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ

Christmas means that, through the grace of God and the incarnation, peace with God is available; and if you make peace with God, then you can go out and make peace with everybody else. And the more people who embrace the Gospel and do that, the better off the world is. Christmas, therefore, means the increase of peace - both with God and between people - across the face of the world.

— Timothy Keller
Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind The Birth of Christ

The Christmas message is about the reality of God becoming flesh - part and parcel of our reality, with all the suffering and puzzlement that goes with that. And this God-in-the-flesh is indeed the Lord of the world, defeating his enemies through his death and rising to rule and rescue the whole creation. We cannot stress this too strongly: Jesus is not simply Lord in a distant heaven on the one hand and Lord in our private hearts and lives on the other, leaving the real public world untouched. If he is not Lord of all, he is not Lord at all.

— N.T. Wright
From 2007 sermon, *The Shepherds at Midnight*

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

_____ *Praise* _____

Call to Worship

- based on **Luke 1:68-75**

Minister: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,

People: because he has come and has redeemed his people.

Minister: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us, salvation from our enemies...

People: to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

ALL: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

¹ As a courtesy, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you!

Song of Praise

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

Jesus Shall Reign

Private Adoration and Praise

Renewal

Scripture Reading

John 1:9-11

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

Confession of Sin

*Leader &
People:*

Merciful God, you sent the light of your Son to bring renewal and hope, but we live as if that light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We ignore the Christ you sent to be with us and instead we remain distant from you. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and we do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts.

Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming. It's time that we prepare for your Advent. Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time and light our hearts.

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

John 1:12-13

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Song of Thanksgiving

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

The Peace of God and Announcements

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

*If parents prefer, children 4 years old – 2nd grade
are invited to attend Children's Church in the Education Building at this time.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle²

Travis and Brittany Marrs

Leader: The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.
It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

*People: The shepherds were the first to hear the joyful announcement of Christ's birth -
the good news of great joy to all people.*

Leader: Upon seeing the baby Jesus, the shepherds spread the word concerning what had
been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed.

*People: We have also heard this wonderful news.
We welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.*

Leader: Though we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and even though we do not see him
now we believe in him.

ALL: We are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.

² Lighting the Advent wreath originated in Germany in the nineteenth century, based on a Roman custom of the ceremonial entrance of a ruler to a province or city as his 'advent' (from the Latin adventus: 'arrival'). The wreath consists of four candles on the outside of the wreath and one candle in the center. One candle is lit the first Sunday of Advent. Two are lit the 2nd Sunday, and so on. Each of the candles has special significance: The first is the prophecy candle; the second is the Bethlehem candle; the third is the Angel's candle; the 4th is the Shepherd's candle; and the center candle is the Christ candle, lit at Christmas.

The Prayers of the People *(concluded with the Lord's prayer)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen!

_____ Commitment _____

The Offering

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

A SHEPHERD'S FACE
THE FACES OF CHRISTMAS



The Portinari Altarpiece, by Hugo van der Goes

Communion

Guidelines for Reception of Communion

Communion is a family meal for Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ, and with his people, the church.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Song of Communion

How Deep the Father's Love

Prayer of Consecration and the Words of Institution

Prayer for those not communing:

Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Grace Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the outer circle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are provided in cups in the center of the cup trays. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

Song of Commitment

Oh How Good It Is

Benediction³

May God, who sent his son to dwell with his people, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the gospel.

Dismissal

Minister: Now, let us go forth to serve this community and the world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Grace Church.

Worship Music⁴

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Grace Presbyterian Church.

Brent Allmon, saxophone
David Fox, keyboard
Damon Henrichs, guitar

Debra Moses, flute
Rae Moses, piano
Jennifer Reddick, flute

³ The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.

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Sermon Notes

Luke 2:8-20

A SHEPHERD'S FACE

THE FACES OF CHRISTMAS

_____ *Grace Presbyterian Bulletin Board* _____

Welcome, Guests! We are excited you're here with us today. We hope that you were warmly welcomed and would love for you to be a part of Grace. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information on the back of the bulletin, tear it off and drop it in the offering plate or give it on to an usher.

Parents of Infants - Three-Yr Olds: Our nursery and early-childhood classes provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our workers welcome the opportunity to love your child! When using the nursery, please check in and label all items (bags, cups, etc.) with your child's name. If you need assistance or have any questions about the Nursery, please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Kate Weimar, at mothersdayout@gracewoodlands.org.

Cry Room: A cry room is available for the comfort of our new parents in order to ensure that everyone enjoys our services. It is located in the back of the sanctuary and it is well equipped (comfortable rockers, changing table, etc.) but if you are in need of anything, one of our ushers will be glad to assist.

Sunday Mornings at Grace

8:30 am Prayer	10:30 am Worship
9:30 am Christian Education Classes	11:45 am Intercession
10:15 am Coffee Break	

Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry: To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world. We would like to invite you to be a part of this uprising at 8:30 each Sunday morning in the Prayer Room (114). Join us as we pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom.

Lessons and Carols: Join us at 5 pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Based on a Service of Lessons and Carols, first crafted by Anglican Bishop William Benson in 1880, this service joins biblical texts about the birth of Christ with carols that highlight the themes of those texts. Universally beloved, this service is used with some variation all over the world. The nursery will be available during this service.

Thank you from the Staff: We wanted to express our heartfelt appreciation for your kindness to us and for the wonderful Christmas gifts. It seems like such a small thing to simply say thank you. But, we are so thankful for the graciousness of our God and your love. You will never know how much your gift means to us. We take comfort in knowing that our Redeemer will not forget your sacrifice and your tenderness. Your labor, love, and toleration are a song of grace to our hearts. Under the mercy, the Wilcher, the Bobos, and the Haskins families.

All Christian Education Classes are on holiday break and will resume in the New Year.

Community Groups: To be part of the church is to be part of a community. Community is where we connect, build relationships, study, and serve together. Groups consisting of 8-15 people meet regularly on Sundays and through out the week. If you are interested in joining a group or need more information, please email the church office at admin@gracewoodlands.org. Community Groups are currently on a Holiday Hiatus, but will resume in early January.

Women's Ministry Events and More! Please join the Women's Ministry on E-Connect to get involved.

- **Women's Bible Study** is on holiday break and will resume in the New Year.
- **Rain Walks** is a grief support group for women who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, either recently or in the past. Please come to listen (and share if you like) as we discuss our journeys and ways to "walk" through our loss. Rain Walks meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:30 am at Black Walnut Cafe in The Woodlands. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.
- **Girls' Night Out:** Join us at the Black Walnut Café (9000 New Trails), Thursday, Jan 3rd we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.

Men's Fraternal: John Weimar is leading our Men's Ministry Team..

- **Men's Discipleship Breakfast Bible Study** is on break and will pick back up again on Tuesday Jan. 8th. For more information please contact Steve Wilmoth.
- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Thursday, Jan. 17th for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Join us at Wings 'N More (16580 I-45 South) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm.
- **Men's Clay Shooting Event.** - Saturday, January 19th at Creekwood Shooting Sports. Please come join us for a clay shooting event to start off 2019. Please email John Weimar if you would like to attend (or just show up). Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact John Weimar.

Children's Christian Education classes are offered for Preschoolers (2-3yrs old), Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st-2nd Grade, 3rd-4th Grade, and 5th-6th Grade. Classes meet in the Education Building at 9:30 am 2nd Grade and under are on the 1st floor, 3rd Grade and above meet on the 2nd floor.

- **Children's Church** is offered for children ages 4 years old through 2nd grade. During passing of the peace, the children line up with their leader in the back of the sanctuary to exit worship. During the song of communion, children will rejoin their families to observe communion with the rest of the church body. We gather in room 108 in the Education Building to sing songs, pray, and hear a children's sermon. We also collect a children's offering during the service. This format is designed to model worship for our children and teach them the importance of meeting together as the body of Christ.
- **SNiCK and 56ers** All children, 8 weeks through 6th Grade, are invited to join us on Sunday nights from 5-7 pm. We eat and laugh and play during our time together. The goal is to have fun at SNiCK through friendship and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors! SNiCK is holiday break and will resume in January.
- **PlayGroup** is an active gathering of moms and dads making space for fun, friendship, and adventure for our young children. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. To get involved, contact Natalie Webster. Since locations and times can change, please join the PlayGroup in E-Connect for updates.

Student Ministry is designed for students 7th grade through 12th grade. SNF and Sunday School are off for the rest of the month! We will get started back on January 13th. Merry Christmas everyone, and a Happy New Year!

GraceCares: Caring for the church and the community: If you are interested in helping with GraceCares and the needs of the church and the community, please contact Joe Tison.

- **Autumn Grove:** Just a few minutes drive from Grace, Autumn Grove Cottage, a sixteen resident assisted living home, provides care to men and women with Alzheimer's. A small group from Grace visits roughly once a month for about 30 minutes or so to sing, pray and visit with the residents. Contact Laurel Stevens or Dan Brink for more information. We will be Christmas Caroling at Autumn Grove **TODAY**, following the service at 1:15. We welcome anyone and everyone!
- **Meals Ministry:** There are events in life when we all need the help and encouragement of our community. The Meals Ministry seeks to enter into these times by providing meals. If you are in need of meals, or would like to help provide meals for others, please contact our Meals Coordinator, Rhonnie Bellin.
- **Giving:** If you would like to know the best way to support those who might have needs in our church and community, we would encourage you to consider giving to the Deacon's Fund. It is through the deacons and their ministry that Grace church provides for, supports and comes alongside those who are in need. If you have questions, please contact Matt Bradshaw.
- **Prayer Ministry:** Our desire at Grace is that we take seriously the privilege of prayer and there are several ways you can participate. If you become aware of a prayer need, please communicate this to us in one of the following ways:
 - **In writing:** Fill out the back page of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
 - **By phone:** 281-296-0911 (Church Office)

Your requests will be communicated to our Church Staff, Officers, and our Prayer Team. If you would like to be on our Prayer Team, please let us know.

Missions Service Opportunities & Events: Contact John Zeigler for more information or to be added to our GraceMissions email list or to connect with a missions team advocate.

• **December Prayer Partners:**

- Montgomery County Women's, Conroe, TX
- Rev. Curtis & Mrs. Marian Castleberry, RUF, University of Texas at San Antonio

• **Tamina Tree Update** - Shirley and Ranson Grimes send Christmas greetings and a warm thank you to Grace for the Christmas gifts that were delivered last Monday. The children and their parents are so grateful for your generosity.

• **Local Mission Partners**

Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX
Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling | The Woodlands, TX
Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX
Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX
Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX
Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
Brooks & Meredith Harwood | RUF | University of Houston
William & Katherine Bondurant | RUF | Texas A&M University
Oaklawn Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX
Leo & Ellen Schuster | City Church | Houston, TX
Pastors Thong Lun & Mang Tiak | Greater Houston Burmese Christian Fellowship | Houston, TX
Pastor Bhadra Rai | Canaan Bhutanese Church of Houston | Houston, TX
Pastor "Andre" Onokoko Shang | International Ministries for the Propagation of the Gospel | TX
Grace Presbyterian ESL Ministry
Grace Presbyterian Diaconate

• **National Mission Partners**

Wil & Mary Nettleton | RUF | Trinity University
Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University
Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University
John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas
Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio
Robbie & Kelly Mills | New City Fellowship | Dallas, TX
Nathan & Falon Moretto | New City Presbyterian Church | Royal Oak, MI
David & Kelly Richter | Christ the King Presbyterian Church | Somerville, MA
Francis A. Schaeffer Institute | Covenant Theological Seminary | Saint Louis, MO
PCA Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX

• **International Mission Partners**

Titus & Crystal Bagby | RUF International | Texas A&M University
Terry & Mary Rose Dykstra | RUF International | University of Texas
Charles & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico
Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Yokkaichi, Japan
Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia
David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany
Kay Burklin | MTW | Refugee Liaison, Europe
Arab Baptist Theological Seminary | Beirut, Lebanon

Banners Explained: Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. The primary color is Purple. This is the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. This color is also the color of suffering and points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing.

The Banner on left is the first and last letter of the Greek alphabet, the Alpha and the Omega. These letters became a symbol for Christ due to His being called "the First and the Last" and speaks of his eternality. This oldest of symbols has been found in the Catacombs, Christian signet rings, post-Constantine coins, and the frescoes and mosaics of ancient churches.

On the right, the circle of the Celtic Cross is a symbol of eternity as well but emphasizing the endlessness of God’s love as shown through Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Each of the panels symbolize a different theme of Christ’s coming, his Advent.

Both banners are adorned with holly and ivy. They are evergreens and look alive even in the middle of a frigid winter, when other trees and shrubs look dead. For ancient Christians, this symbolized the unchanging nature of our God, and reminds us of the everlasting life that is ours through Christ. Early Christians placed evergreens in their windows to indicate that Christ had entered the home. Holly became widely used in church celebrations, as the bush with its red berries is considered by some as representing the burning bush. The Holly bush reminds others of Mary, aglow with the Holy Spirit. The red berries represent the blood drops from the cruel thorns in the crown of Jesus.

Grace Online gives users access to the church directory and event calendar. Users can also join groups, print giving statements and give online. If you need any online instructions contact Dianna in the office at 281-296-0911 or admin@gracewoodlands.org.

- **Website:** Grace Online directory link, gracewoodlands.org under the Connect tab.
- **Mobile App (Elexio Community):** can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. To log on, replace "Domain" with gracewoodlands and use your directory username and password for the app.
- **Online Giving:** If you would like to give online, you will need to set up an account, the link is under the Care tab on our website.

Stewardship Update: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for November 2018.

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget	70,858	779,438	
Actual General Fund	58,390	697,407	
Variance	(12,468)	(82,031)	*Based on a 2018 budget of \$850,300

As 2018 comes to a close, please be mindful that our General Fund ministry budget goal for 2018 is \$850,300. This year we need to receive \$152,893 in December to make the budget. We also have approximately \$17,500 outstanding on our loan for new flooring in the Education Building. Would you prayerfully consider helping us by making an end of the year gift? If you would like to give securities or need other gift-related assistance, please contact Mike Ryan.

Missed a Recent Sunday Worship? MP3s of Sunday morning messages are available on the website at www.gracewoodlands.org under Media. You can listen online, download them or subscribe to the Podcast. If you need help or are having trouble, please contact the church office⁵.

⁵ Office Hours 8:30 am-3 pm M - F Phone: 281.296.0911
 Email: admin@gracewoodlands.org Website: www.gracewoodlands.org

We are glad to have you as our guest today. Please use this page to let us know of your visit and to make us aware of any ideas, suggestions or concerns you may have. You may deposit this page in the offering plate as it comes by, or give it to an usher or greeter. Have confidence that no one will call or drop by your home; this is for us to have a record of your visit or your prayer requests.

Name, Email & Cell Number:

Spouse, Email & Cell Number:

Children, Age & Grade:

Please let us know if you are:

- Visitor Regular Attendee One time visit from out of town

I am interested in learning about:

- Community Groups Music Usher, Greeter
 Sunday Volunteer Children's Ministry Women's Ministry
 Student Ministry Men's Ministry Membership

Prayer Request

I would like to speak with someone about this prayer request or other spiritual concern; please have someone contact me at: _____.

I would like the prayer team to pray for the following needs or concerns:

Prayer of Belief...

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful that I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.

I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness.

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.